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ACTUATOR FOR ACTIVE NOISE CONTROL, AND METHOD
FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL Japanese Application 8052123

AM PCT Application WO 98/13821

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the United Kingdom Patent Office dated May 6, 2004 in connection with the counterpart United Kingdom application. Both of these references were cited in Category "A" as general background information. A copy of the United Kingdom Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of the above references together with Form 1449 are also submitted herewith.

United States Patent No. 5,617,026 also cited in the United Kingdom Search Report has already been made of record as Reference AC in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 22, 2004.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

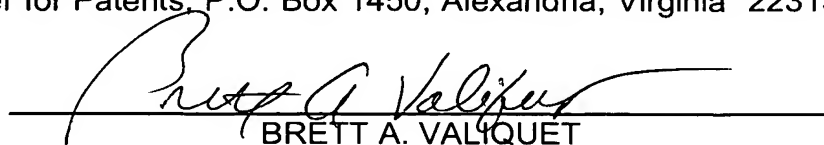
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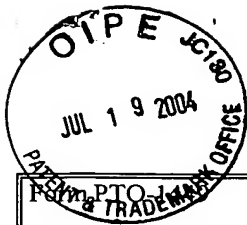
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